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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

ROC DEFENSE

-- AP STORY SUGGESTING ROC MIGHT PURCHASE ISRAELI JET FIGHTER, KFIR, PROVOKED MUCH EDITORIAL COMMENT LAST WEEK. MOST PAPERS FRONTPAGED MILITARY SPOKESMAN WANG YEH-KAI'S DENIAL ROC HAD EVER CONSIDERED BUYING ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. CNA-WASHINGTON DISPATCH QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BROWN AS SAYING DEPARTMENT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT PROSPECTIVE ROC PURCHASE KFIR. LEADING DAILY UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO, 420,000) WARNED INTERNATIONAL PRESS PRC CONTINUING VICIOUS "RUMOR OFFENSIVE" AS EVIDENCED BY REPORT OF ALLEGED ROC INTEREST KFIR FIGHTERS. EDITORIAL QUESTIONED AP'S PROFESSIONAL WISDOM IN CARRYING STORY WITHOUT CONFIRMATION FROM EITHER GOVERNMENT INVOLVED. ALSO NOTED LAST NINE MONTHS INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAD FALSELY REPORTED: 1) ROC
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PRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS; 2) ROC NEGOTIATING WITH PRC;
3) CHIANG KAI-SHEK RECEIVED CIA PAYMENTS. ACCORDING UNITED DAILY NEWS, ALL THESE RUMORS STARTED BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN ATTEMPT DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SERIOUS TROUBLES AT HOME. EDITORIAL REGRETTE AP OBVIOUSLY "USED" BY PRC.

FOLLOWING UP ON KFIR STORY ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS

(20,000) CARRIED MAJOR EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DEFENSE OF ROC."
ACCORDING CHINA NEWS, ROC PREFERS BUY ARMS FROM U.S.;
HOWEVER, U.S. SEEMS RELUCTANT PROVIDE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS.
THIS IS "POLITICAL RATHER THAN MILITARY DECISION." SINCE
U.S. TRYING EASE TENSIONS WITH PRC, ARMS SALES TO ROC "ARE
THEREFORE REGARDED AS 'SENSITIVE,' WHICH MEANS PEIPING
MIGHT OBJECT TO THEM." THUS, WHILE ROC STILL REGARDS U.S.
AS CLOSEST ALLY, IT MUST LOOK TO OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL
FOR ARMS SUPPLIES. AFTER ALL, IT IS "OBLIGATION OF
ANY GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE FOR EVERY POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY."

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

-- UNITED DAILY NEWS DESCRIBED CARTER ADMINISTRATION
FOREIGN POLICY AS "CONFUSED." MUCH OF ACTIVITY, SUCH AS
YOUNG'S AFRICA MISSION, VANCE'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AND
WOODCOCK'S VIETNAM VISIT SEEMS ONLY EXPLORATORY WITH NO
REAL PROGRESS BEING MADE. WHILE CARTER HAS RECEIVED MANY
FOREIGN LEADERS AND ENVOYS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM SOVIET
UNION AND PRC, THIS MERELY PRO FORMA. PAPER NOTED SOME
OF THESE MEETINGS NOT ONLY FAILED SOLVE OLD PROBLEMS, BUT
CREATED NEW ONES; E.G., CARTER'S STATEMENT TO RABIN ON
"DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" ACTUALLY SPOILED VANCE MIDEAST SWING
ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOUNG'S COMMENTS ON CUBAN "STABILIZING"
INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA AND UNDERHILL'S "LUDICROUS" SUGGESTIONS
ABOUT PHILIPPINES SHOW GREAT LACK COORDINATION AND DISCIPLINE
AMONG FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. SOME OF THIS LACK OF CO-
ORDINATION MAY BE BECAUSE SO MANY IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC
POSITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED.

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AS FAR AS U.S. ASIAN POLICY WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER,
UNITED DAILY NEWS FOUND REASON FOR OPTIMISM IN U.S. DECISIONS
HONOR DEFENSE COMMITMENTS IN THAILAND AND NOT MAKE HASTY
WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA. EDITORIAL OPINED U.S. WILL STAY IN
ASIA IF DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES THERE DEMONSTRATE UNITY AND
SELF-RELIANCE. DESPITE THESE GOOD OMENS, CHINA REMAINS
MOST IMPORTANT ASIA PROBLEM. U.S. SHOULD NOT ALLOW ITSELF
BE TRAPPED IN DEADEND STREET OF NORMALIZATION PROGRAM,
ACCORDING UNITED DAILY NEWS.

CHIANG CHING-ROXANE WITKE

-- MARCH 15 ALL MAJOR PAPERS, EXCEPT UNITED DAILY NEWS,
CARRIED CNA-TRANSLATED LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH ARTICLE
ABOUT WITKE'S NEW BOOK ON CHIANG CHING. UNITED DAILY NEWS
RAN UPI-NEW YORK DESPATCH DESCRIBING TIME'S WITKE STORY.
MARCH 17 UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED FULL TRANSLATED TEXT
TIME STORY WITH EXCERPTS FROM BOOK. EDITOR'S NOTE SAID

BOOK ATTRACTED WORLDWIDE ATTENTION. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES
(CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO, 400,000) ALSO BEGAN SERIALIZE TIME
ARTICLE.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- IN SECOND PROGRAM POST SERIES ON MODERN AMERICAN POETRY,
NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY LITERATURE PROFESSOR AND FORMER
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR MAURICE LIN GAVE TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER
LECTURE, "WALT WHITMAN'S ANTICIPATION OF MODERN AMERICAN
POETRY" FOR PRIMARILY UNIVERSITY STUDENT AUDIENCE MARCH 14.
LIN DISCUSSED WHITMAN'S DOMINANT INFLUENCE ON LEADING MODERN
AMERICAN POETS. LECTURE FOLLOW-UP TO LAST WEEK'S WHITMAN
FILM SHOWING. LIN'S FREQUENT REFERENCES TO EARLIER
PROGRAM WOVE TWO INTO ONE UNIT. LECTURE PROVIDED GOOD
SUPPORT TO OBJECTIVE 4 (ARTS AND HUMANITIES) AND TO
UNIVERSITY AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS HERE.
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-- USIS TAIPEI INITATED PROGRAM MAKE USIS VTRS MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY TAIPEI AREA. AIO TRAVELLED TO INSTITUTE OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND SHOWED TWO VTRS ("SETTING THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES--THE NEXT TEN YEARS" AND "JIMMY CARTER--CRONKITE INTERVIEW") TO INSTITUTE DIRECTOR DANIEL LEW AND 15 GRADUATE STUDENTS. AFTER SHOWINGS AIO CONDUCTED BRIEF DISCUSSION. THIS FIRST IN SERIES OF INSTITUTE WEEKLY PROGRAMS.

-- SEVEN-DAY CLOSURE FOR MINOR RENOVATIONS OF USIS TAICHUNG'S LIBRARY AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY DEVOTE FULL WEEK TO BOOKMOBILE EFFORTS. VISITS TO SIX COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PRODUCED 345 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERS AND 579 BOOKS LOANED. DUE PRIMARILY BOOKMOBILE EFFORTS, TAICHUNG'S ACTIVE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP INCREASED 25 PERCENT OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR. BOOKS LOANED ALSO UP AND IN JANUARY MORE BOOKS CHECKED OUT FROM TAICHUNG THAN USIS TAIPEI.

-- TAICHUNG USEF/C STUDENT ADVISOR MOLLY TKACIK ADDRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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OVER 250 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ON "GRADUATE STUDY IN U.S.: THE FIRST STEP" SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AT USIS TAICHUNG. MRS. TKACIK BUILT HER PROGRAM AROUND SHOWING OF IMV PRODUCTION, "IF YOU WANT TO STUDY IN THE U.S." AND IN REMARKS EMPHASIZED BASIC CONSIDERATIONS--AND SOME CAVEATS--INVOLVED IN OVERSEAS STUDY IN U.S. AS USEF/C REPRESENTATIVE SHE SOLD SOME 46 COPIES OF FOUNDATION BOOKLETS ON STUDY IN U.S. AND OVER 250 COPIES OF FOUNDATION'S RAM FORMS. USIS PROMOTED POST-PUBLISHED STUDENT REVIEW MAGAZINE BY DISTRIBUTING 400 BACK COPIES TO AUDIENCE. FRINGE BENEFIT WAS IT DREW LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS INTO LIBRARY BEFORE AND AFTER PROGRAM.

-- SPEAKING ON "LAW, SOCIETY AND THE ECONOMY: PRIVILEGE AND CREATIVE DESTRUCTION," VOLSPKR STANLEY KUTLER SPARKED GOOD DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS DURING TAIWAN PROGRAMMING MARCH 10-12. AT USIS TAICHUNG, KUTLER SPOKE TO A SEMINAR GROUP OF 10, EIGHT OF THEM AMONG BPAO SHERIDAN BELL'S MOST IMPORTANT CONTACTS, AND AFTERWARDS CONTINUED DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPANTS AT INFORMAL DINNER AT BPAO'S HOUSE. IN TAIPEI, POST ORGANIZED PANEL DISCUSSION ON SAME TOPIC WITH LEADING LEGAL SCHOLAR, IMPORTANT SOCIOLOGIST AND VICE CHAIRMAN GROC'S ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY AS CO-PANELISTS WITH KUTLER AND VICE PRESIDENT HIGHEST ECIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS AS MEETING CHAIRMAN. OTHER 10 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED LAWYERS, ECONOMISTS AND AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSORS. BOTH SESSIONS WENT VERY WELL, WITH KUTLER GIVING FIRST-CLASS 30-MINUTE INTRIDUCTORY REMARKS FOLLOWED BY INFORMATIVE INTELLIGENT DISCUSSION. KUTLER ALSO LECTURED ON "CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES:

CONSENSUS AND CONFLICT IN AMERICA" IN TAIPEI'S LINCOLN CENTER. PROGRAM DREW MOSTLY STUDENT AUDIENCE OF 180 BUT RATED ONLY MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL FROM STANDPOINT POST OBJECTIVES. THIS WAS KUTLER'S FIRST PROGRAM UNDER USIS AUSPICES AND HE DWELT TOO MUCH ON BASICS FOR OUR NEEDS. --IMV REFLECTIONS FILM, MARGARET MEAD, SHOWN BY DR. TANG MEI-CHUN, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, TO 140 HIS STUDENTS IN TWO SHOWINGS MARCH 9 AND 10. DR. TANG COUPLED FILM WITH HIS CHINESE LANGUAGE INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION MAJOR POINTS. POST PROVIDED FILM TRANSCRIPT AND 120 COPIES IPS PAMPHLET, MARGARET MEAD. THIS LONG-TERM FALLOUT SHOWING GENERATED BY PREVIEW FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND SOCIOLOGISTS AT SANDWICH LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PAO IN MARCH 1976. AYERS

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